

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6 and 21-34 and 50-52 are presently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 26 are independent. Claims 2 and 3 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

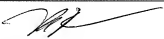
Applicant thanks the Office for indicating that dependent claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Solely to expedite prosecution of the present application to allowance, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 26 to incorporate the subject matter recited in claims 2 and 3. Applicant has also amended claim 1 to remove the limitations noted in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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